

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (currently amended) A fitting for attachment to a membrane, said fitting comprising a mounting adaptor to be secured to said membrane, a resiliently deformable part associated with said mounting adaptor and arranged to embrace and hold an initially separate insert, in which said resiliently deformable part is a cylindrical element and the initially separate insert comprises a substantially cylindrical portion, the cylindrical portion having an outer surface having an outer diameter and the deformable cylindrical element has an inner surface with an inner diameter which allows the cylindrical portion of the insert to be inserted into the resiliently deformable element, the deformable element being arranged such that when the mounting adaptor is secured to said membrane and exposed to a force-pressure exerted by fluid at one of two sides of the membrane, the inner surface of the resiliently deformable part-element is urged into gripping engagement with the outer surface of the cylindrical portion of the insert.
2. (original) A fitting as claimed in claim 1 wherein the mounting adaptor is provided with a flange for arranging and securing the fitting to the membrane.
3. (original) A fitting as claimed in claim 2 wherein the flange is formed from a weldable material whereby it may be welded to the membrane of the structure.

4. (original) A fitting as claimed in claim 2 or claim 3 wherein the flange is provided with an annular channel.

5. (currently amended) A fitting as claimed in claim ~~2,3 or~~ 4 wherein the flange is provided with a rigid ring.

6. (currently amended) A fitting as claimed in ~~any of claims~~ claim 2 to 5 4 wherein the flange is provided with two annular weld areas either side of the channel.

7. (currently amended) A fitting as claimed in ~~any of claims~~ claim 2 to 6 wherein the resiliently deformable part is joined to the flange.

8. (currently amended) A fitting as claimed in ~~any preceding~~ claim 1 wherein the resiliently deformable ~~part~~ cylindrical element comprises a sleeve for receiving the insert, said sleeve joined by a radially extending web to an outer cylindrical part of the mounting adaptor.

9. (original) A fitting as claimed in claim 8 which when in use is in contact with the fluid.

10. (currently amended) A fitting as claimed in claim ~~8 or claim 9~~ wherein the outer cylindrical part is substantially rigid relative to the resiliently deformable part.

11. (currently amended) A fitting as claimed in ~~any of claims~~ claim 8 to 10 wherein an axial end of the sleeve is flexibly connected to the outer cylindrical part.

12. (original) A fitting as claimed in claim 11 which when attached to a membrane the axial end furthest from the membrane of the sleeve is flexibly connected to the outer cylindrical part.

13. (currently amended) A fitting as claimed in ~~any of claims~~ claim 2 to 12 wherein at the location of the joint of the resiliently deformable part with the flange there is provided an annular lip for locating the fitting within an aperture of the membrane and which upon melting welds the edges of the aperture to the fitting.

14. (original) A fitting as claimed in claim 13 wherein the annular lip is bonded to seal the edges of the aperture.

15. (cancelled)

16. (currently amended) A fitting as claimed in ~~any preceding~~ claim 1 wherein the substantially cylindrical portion of the insert is provided with a pair of spaced circumferential ribs and on its outer surface, the ribs defining a circumferential recess therebetween in which the resiliently deformable cylindrical element of the mounting adaptor is received.

17. (currently amended) A fitting as claimed in ~~any preceding~~ claim 1 wherein the substantially cylindrical portion of the insert is provided with ribs to engage with said ~~resiliently deformable part~~ cylindrical element.

18. (currently amended) A ~~claim-fitting~~ as claimed in any preceding claim 1 wherein the insert module is hollow.

19. (currently amended) A fitting as claimed in ~~any preceding claim 1~~ wherein the insert comprises a valve means.

20. (currently amended) A fitting as claimed in ~~any preceding claim 1~~ wherein the insert comprises a support means for attaching the membrane to a surface comprising at least one suction pad.

21. (currently amended) An assembly comprising a fitting in accordance with ~~any preceding claim 1~~ for attachment to a membrane of an inflatable structure.

22. (currently amended) An assembly comprising a fitting in accordance with ~~any preceding claim 1~~ for attachment to a membrane of a fluid ~~liquid~~ container.

23. (original) An assembly as claimed in claim 21 wherein the fluid in the inflatable structure comprises a gas.

24. (currently amended) An assembly as claimed in claim 22 wherein the fluid in the ~~liquid~~ fluid container comprises a liquid.

25. (cancelled)

26. (new) A fitting as claimed in claim 19 wherein the valve means is a pressure relief valve.

27. (new) A fitting as claimed in claim 1 wherein the valve means is a stop valve.

28. (new) A fitting as claimed in claim 1 wherein the insert is adapted to be attached to a further membrane.

29. (new) A fitting as claimed in claim 16 wherein the deformable cylindrical element is received in the recess between the circumferential ribs with a snap fit to prevent the insert being withdrawn from the mounting adapter.

30. (new) A fitting as claimed in claim 1 in which the substantially cylindrical portion of the insert defines a fluid flow path through the fitting.

31. (new) An assembly comprising two structures interconnected by means of a fitting as claimed in claim 28, the mounting adaptor being attached to a first membrane forming part of a first of the structures and the insert being attached to a second membrane forming part of a second of the structures.

32. (new) An assembly as claimed in claim 31, in which the fitting provides a fluid connection between the two structures.

33. (new) A fitting for attachment to a membrane, said fitting comprising a mounting adaptor to be secured to said membrane and an initially separate insert module for mounting in the adaptor, the mounting adaptor having a resiliently deformable part arranged to embrace and hold the insert module in fluid tight engagement with the adaptor when inserted, said resiliently deformable part being arranged for snap-fit co-operation with a correspondingly defined outer profile portion of the insert module to hold the insert module in the mounting adaptor, the arrangement being such that any one of a number of different types of insert module, each having a suitably defined outer profile portion for co-operation with the resiliently deformable portion, can be inserted in the mounting adaptor.

34. (new) A fitting as claimed in claim 33, in which the resiliently deformable part of the mounting adaptor is arranged such that when the mounting adaptor is secured to said membrane and exposed to pressure exerted by fluid at one of two sides of the membrane, the resiliently deformable part is urged into tighter gripping engagement with the insert module.